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Land Records

Extent of wet and dry lands in Kontivada village.

*907 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the plan of the Kontivada village plan drawn in 1862 does indicate by appropriate markings the lands under wet cultivation and the lands under dry cultivation at the time of the survey in 1862;

(b) whether in 1894 a land register was prepared for Kontivada village making a detailed record of the mamul wet fields, bapat wet fields and dry fields recognized as such at that time;

(c) if the answers to (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether the present localization of mamul wet is in conformity with the above plan of 1862 and the land register of 1894; if not, what the reasons for the discrepancies are;

(d) what is the extent of fields, if any, which were registered as mamul wet in the land register of 1894 but are registered as bapat wet or dry in the present record of rights and what are the reasons for the divergence;

(e) what is the extent of fields, if any, which were registered as bapat wet or dry in the land register of 1894 but are registered as mamul wet in the present record of rights and what are the reasons for the divergence; and

(f) whether either the Public Works Department authorities or the Settlement Party have tried to ascertain the extent of old wet over and above the mamul wet area in Kontivada and the extent of wet land, if any, recently brought under wet cultivation; if so, what the results of their investigations are?

A.—The Government have not the information at present but are taking steps to obtain it.

Preparation of a record of rights in this Presidency.

*908 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) in what stage the proposal for the preparation of a record of rights in this Presidency is at present; and

(b) whether Government have under preparation any legislative measure to give effect to such a proposal?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 129 on 5th September 1928. The position is unchanged.

Land Revenue

Alleged deficiency of rain in Malabar.

*909 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that many places in Malabar have seriously suffered on account of deficiency of rain this year;